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**2010 Federal Court Activities Involving Tippecanoe County, IN**

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**August 6, 2010:**

FEDERAL COURT - HAMMOND

Jose Vargas Rodriguez, 38, and Gabriel Guerrero Corona, 35, both of Lafayette, Indiana, were charged in an indictment returned on August 5, 2010 with drug trafficking. Rodriguez was charged with 4 counts of distribution of methamphetamine. Corona was charged with 3 counts of distribution of methamphetamine, and 2 counts of distribution of cocaine. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jacqueline Jacobs.

**July 16 2010:**

FEDERAL COURT - HAMMOND

Edward Ray Kind, 53 (3/16/57), of the 1800 block of Pierce Street, Lafayette, Indiana, plead guilty before Chief Judge Philip Simon to count one of an indictment charging conspiracy to distribute 5 grams of more of cocaine base (crack cocaine). This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation GRIT Task Force, the Lafayette Police Department, and the Indiana State Police. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randall Stewart.

**June 8 2010:**

FEDERAL COURT - HAMMOND

David Castillo-Rendon, 38, of Lafayette, Indiana, was charged by an indictment returned on 6/3/10 with receipt of child pornography and re-entry of a removed alien. This case was investigated by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Lafayette Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jill Trumbull-Harris.

**July 14, 2010:**

FEDERAL COURT - HAMMOND

James Deandre Smith, 20 (6/1/90), Danteh Dwayne Banks, 26 (8/5/83), Sherita Lenora Goss, 20 (5/14/90), and McDarwin Wise, Jr., 27 (1/17/83), all of Lafayette, Indiana, plead guilty before Chief Judge Philip Simon to conspiracy to distribute 5 grams of more of cocaine base (crack cocaine) in the case *US v Kind et al*. This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation GRIT Task Force, the Lafayette Police Department, and the Indiana State Police. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randall Stewart.

**April 15, 2010:**

FEDERAL COURT - HAMMOND

Lashawn Tanner, 35, of West Lafayette, Indiana, was sentenced on 4/13/10 by Senior Judge Rudy Lozano to 216 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to an Information charging possession with intent

to distribute at least one hundred and fifty (150) kilograms of cocaine . This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

**April 13, 2010:**

FEDERAL COURT - HAMMOND

William Geiger, 26, of West Lafayette, Indiana, plead guilty on 4/9/10 before Magistrate Judge Andrew Rodovich to receipt of child pornography. This case was investigated by the Lafayette Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jill Trumbull Harris.

**March 19, 2010:**

FEDERAL COURT - HAMMOND

Orinthian Pharms, 33, of Lafayette, Indiana, was sentenced on 3/19/10 before Judge Rudy Lozano to 77 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm, to wit: a Maadi, Model MISR 7.62x39 millimeter, semi-automatic rifle loaded with 28 rounds of ammunition. Pharms was convicted of carrying a handgun without a license in 2003. This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, Tobacco, and Explosives, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

**January, 28, 2010:**

FEDERAL COURT - HAMMOND

Christopher L. Laraneta, 39, of Lafayette, Indiana, was arrested on 1/21/10 following being indicted for transportation of child pornography. This case is being investigated by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Lafayette Police Department, and the Tippecanoe County Prosecutor's Office. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jill Trumbull Harris.

**January, 14, 2010:**

FEDERAL COURT - HAMMOND

Kimberly Nichols, 42, of Wheatfield, Indiana, plead guilty on 1/13/10 before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to obtaining Hydrocodone Bitartrate by misrepresentation and fraud. Nichols admitted that she used her position as an employee at the office of a doctor licensed to prescribe schedule II-V controlled substances, to phone in prescriptions in her name and the names of other's without authorization from the physician. Sentencing has been set for April 9, 2010. This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Food and Drug Administration and the Tippecanoe Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Kolar.

**January, 7, 2010:**

FEDERAL COURT - HAMMOND

Tyris Shepard, 28, of Lafayette, Indiana, was sentenced on 12/29/09 by Senior Judge James Moody, to 57 months imprisonment to be followed by 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm, to wit; a Kel Tec model SU-16.223 caliber REM caliber rifle. Shepard was convicted of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon in 2002 in Rock Island, Illinois. This case was investigated by, and was prosecuted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, Tobacco, and Explosives and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

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